REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 14-26 are pending in this application. Claims 14-16, 18, 20, and 22-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. patent application publication 2002/0052196 to Padawer et al. (herein "Padawer"). Claims 17, 19, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Padawer in view of U.S. patent application publication 2004/0248621 to Schon. Those rejections are traversed by the present response as discussed next.

Each of the independent claims is amended by the present response to clarify features therein. Independent claim 14 now specifically further recites "a predetermined function key" and that the acceptance part accepts a numeric string entered by dial keys as a call request for a predetermined piece of registration information "when the function key is pressed after the numeric string is entered". The other independent claims recite similar features. The above-noted claim features are believed to be clear from the original specification, see for example Figure 2, step S2 and the specification at page 7, line 18 et seq.

According to features clarified in the claims as currently written, the cellular telephone or personal digital assistant includes a storage for storing either registration information or numeric data in association with registration information, the numeric data obtained by numerical conversion of a keyword related to the piece of registration information in accordance with an assignment relationship. As shown in Figure 6 in the present specification as one non-limiting example, the storage part can store different numeric data corresponding to keywords of a contact's name. As shown for example in Figure 3 in the present specification, if a user of the cellular telephone or personal digital assistant inputs a numeric string "546" and then presses a function key, the storage part will be accessed and a piece of registration information associated with the numeric data can be

displayed. Such an operation allows a user to then appropriately select a person for example to be sent an email.

As now clarified in the claims, the user must perform two operations in the claimed invention to cause such a display. The user must input a numeric string, and must then after the numeric string is input press a specific function key, see for example the function key "E" 24 shown for example in Figure 4 in the present specification.

The above-noted features of requiring a user to input the numeric string and then subsequently press a function key are believed to be neither taught nor suggested by Padawer.

The outstanding rejection cites Padawer to meet the claim limitations emphasizing the disclosure in paragraphs [0016]-[0018] in Padawer. Applicants note that portion of Padawer discloses a caller can enter a series of numbers and look for matches thereof, see specifically paragraph [0018]. However, applicants also draw attention to Padawer for example at paragraph [0049] where Padawer discloses data is entered into an input field 201 without having to have a user specify a request method, but instead which appears to result in automatic displays such as shown for example in Figures 2B-2D therein. That is, Padawer appears to teach away from the claimed features of requiring a user to first input a numeric key and then press a predetermined function key.

In the claimed invention, in contrast to Padawer, a user inputs a predetermined numeric string, see for example string "546" in Figure 3 in the present specification, and then press a function key, see for example key E 24, which will indicate in the claimed cellular telephone or personal digital assistant that an email address is sought for the corresponding numeric data. The claimed invention can then process that information to access a storage part including, for example, the e-mail address for the corresponding numeric string. Padawer appears to teach away from such an operation.

Thereby, the claims as currently written are believed to clearly distinguish over

Padawer.

Moreover, no teachings in Schon were cited with respect to the above-noted features,

and no teachings in Schon are believed to cure the above-noted deficiencies in Padawer.

In view of the present response applicants respectfully submit the claims as currently

written are allowable over the previously applied art.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the

present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested

that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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